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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: HUECK INVITES KOCH TO NICARAGUA

1. GOVT NEWSPAPER NOVEDADES OF MARCH 9 CARRIES TEXT OF TELEGRAM TO CONGRESSMAN EDWARD KOCH FROM PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUAN CONGRESS CORNELIO HUECK. HUECK SUGGESTS KOCH MAY BE UNAWARE OF TRUE CONDITIONS IN NICARAGUA AND CAN PROVE HIS HONEST INTENTIONS BY COMING TO NICARAGUA TO VERIFY THE FACTS.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE TELEGRAM FOLLOWS:

THE COMMISSION ON DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE NICARAGUAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, OVER WHICH I AM HONORED TO PRESIDE, PARTICIPATES IN THE INTENSE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN INITIATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT OUR LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE GOING TO PERMIT ABUSE OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY OR TOLERATE DENIGRATION OF LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS BY IRRESPONSIBLE SOURCES. IF ONE LISTENED TO LEADERS OF EXTREMIST GROUPS WHO ACTUALLY COMMIT TERRORIST ACTS IN YOUR COUNTRY IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES, IT WOULD OBSCURE THE IMAGE OF YOUR GREAT NATION.

FOR EXAMPLE, ACCORDING TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, YOU HAVE ACCEPTED AS FROM AN IMPECCABLE AUTHORITY A REPORT REGARDING MISS BENAVIDES, A COSTA RICAN NATIONAL, THOUGH EVEN THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA ACCEPTED AS JURIDICALLY UNOBJECTIONABLE THE JUDGMENT AGAINST HER BY THE COMPETENT NICARAGUAN TRIBUNAL. I WOULD LIKE TO BE-

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LIEVE THAT YOU WERE TAKEN UNAWARE, AND IN THIS BELIEF THE COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO COME TO NICARAGUA TO VERIFY THE ACTIONS OF WHICH YOU ACCUSE US, WHICH ALREADY WERE INVESTIGATED BY OUR COMMISSION AND COUNTERACTED, AS LONG AS IT IS CLEARLY DEFINED THAT THIS INVITATION DOES NOT SIGNIFY IN ANY WAY AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVENE IN PRIVATE MATTERS OF OUR NATION, BECAUSE WE ARE A SMALL BUT PROUD PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT NEITHER TUTELAGE NOR THREATS.

IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IN YOU ARE HONORABLY ENGAGED IN HUMAN RIGHTS
OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES OR IF THERE ARE HIDDEN MOTIVES FOR YOUR
ACTIONS. I TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR
CONSTERNATION TO OBSERVE THAT THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND LATIN AMERICA WHICH WAS PAINSTAKINGLY REESTABLISHED FOL-
LOWING A LONG PERIOD OF SUSPICION WHICH WE THOUGHT HAD BEEN OVERCOME
IS DANGEROUSLY DETERIORATING. THIS KIND OF ATTITUDE IS TANTAMOUNT
TO COMPLICITY IN BRINGING INNOCENT BLOODSHED INSTEAD OF DEVELOPMENT
TO OUR PEOPLE; AND IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING THAT LATER ONE WILL
SEE THE FORCES OF YOUR COUNTRY MADE UP OF SOME OF AMERICAN MOTHERS,
WHO ALREADY HAVE BEEN SACRIFICED IN OTHER CONTINENTS INVOLVED IN THE
HOLOCAUST AS A RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.
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